--- 1/15th Pound - Series “B” - 155 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 155 x 15 mm. black, 1/15th pound Series “B” strips as follows:

RP-838 - 1/15th pound, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***
RP-839 - 1/15th pound, *imperforate*, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***

--- RP-838 - ***coarse roulette*** - with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers*** - ***undated*** cancellations ---

The *coarse roulette* 1/15th pound Series “B” strip which, as used by the smaller tobacco companies, is generally *roller cancelled* and has been catalogued by Lee Brandom as **RP-838**.

RP-838 - 1/15th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **1857979 -** rollered **10-50-E** by “Ontario Tobacco”, Toronto

1546764	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-50-E**
1548346	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-50-E**
1563495	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-50-E**
1719027	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-50-E**
1768864	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-50-E**
1789317	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-50-E**
1808854	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-50-E**
1839610 ★	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-50-E**
1846006	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-50-E**
1857979 ★	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-50-E**
1858077	RP-838	1/15th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-50-E**

These *undated* roller cancellations undoubtedly form many control number sequences which intermesh with the following eight *dated* sequences in an undeterminable manner:

The large 1/15th pound die proof, offered on eBay late in March of 2004, had the pencilled die numbers ***X.G. 410***. When last seen it was going for $ 500 in U.S. funds.

--- RP-839 - *imperforate* - with *4½ mm. blue control numbers* - *undated* cancellations ---

RP-839 - 1/15th pounds, imperforate, control **1551066**
Roller cancelled **1 - 18 - E** by "Tuckett Tobacco", Hamilton

0614453	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **7 - 13 -D**
1551066 ★	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, rollered **1 - 18 - E**
3145422	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate
7141902	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate

--- RP-839 - *imperforate* - with *4½ mm. blue control numbers* - *dated* cancellations ---

The first listed *dated* example of the *imperforate* 1/15th pound **Series "B"** strip was used by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in April 1933. The final *dated* strip is recorded as used by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in May 1935. The listed strips form about eight runs through the 10,000,000 control number sequence.

RP-839 - 1/15th pounds, *imperforate*, control **9723186**
Coded **6-10-D / AB4** by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in April 1934

6947924	10/33	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AD3**
8541021	11/33	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BD3**
9902317	11/33	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BD3**
2762152	12/33	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CD3**
7357356	01/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AA4**
7357452	01/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AA4**
1181461	02/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BA4**
1383509	02/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BA4**
1387452	02/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BA4**
3067107	02/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BA4**
5613586	03/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CA4**
8152201	04/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AB4**
2431345	04/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AB4**
8595512	04/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / 44**
9723186 ★	04/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AB4**
9723188	04/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AB4**
1355388	06/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CB4**
4073524	07/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AC4**
4166146	07/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AC4**
5340722	05/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / 54**
5464984	07/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **16-10-D / 74**
5573488	07/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / 74**
5830146	08/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / BC4**
6791242	07/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AC4**
7948730	10/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **16-10-D / 104**

1818782	10/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **16-10-D / 104**
2606770	10/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **16-10-D / 104**
3378261	09/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CEC**
6645427	09/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CEC**
7597224	10/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AED**
9621776	10/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AED**
9621777	10/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AED**
4403170 ★	11/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / 114**
4684965	11/34	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-18-E / 114**
9820597	02/35	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / BFA**
0971091	03/35	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / CFA**
4150253	03/35	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-10-D / 3-35**
4595944	03/35	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-10-D / 3-35**
8448250	04/35	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AFB**
8488628	04/35	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **6-10-D / AFB**
5385638	05/35	RP-839	1/15th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / BFB**

It would seem that about 80,000,000 strips were used

--- The 1939 BABN dark blue Roman 7½ mm. 2/31 overprint of RP-839 ---

When the Budget of September 12th 1939 increased the excise duty on manufactured tobacco from 20¢ to 25¢ per pound, the manufacturers in an effort to maintain an even 5¢ price level on their brands, reduced the 1/15th pound package to 2/31st pounds and, as a provisional, obsolete ABN sheets of the **Series "B"** *imperforate* were overprinted by BABN for use at 2/31st pounds.

These were given a 7½ mm. dark blue Roman **2/31** in the center, a 2 mm. Gothic **2/31** at both sides, and six vertical dark blue *killer bars* at each end as the provisional **RP-855**. The control numbers had been previously applied to the 1/15th pound Series "B" strip, and probably come from the final 1/15th pound Series "B" sequence.

RP-855 - 2/31 on the 1/15th pound, imperforate, control **1598909**, on the Series "B" strip **RP-839**, rollered **1-10-D** by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal

1598889	**RP-855** / RP-839	**2/31** on the imperforate 1/15th pound Series "B", rollered **1-10-D**
1598909 ★	**RP-855** / RP-839	**2/31** on the imperforate 1/15th pound Series "B", rollered **1-10-D**

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN Roll No. XG-1043 for the 155 x 15 mm. 1/15th pound Series "B" strip.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plate No. 7 for the one-fifteenth pound Series "B" tobacco strip. The rolls and plates were defaced, and subsequently delivered to the Royal Canadian Mint as scrap metal.

These 90 impression plates were probably arranged as 3 by (3 x10) strips - JBH

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN die XG-341 for the 155 x 15 mm. one-fifteenth pound Series "B" tobacco strip.

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